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Council Expected to Approve Revenue Bonds for Greenbelt Homes on October 8

by Mary Lou Williamson

The City Council appears prepared to approve the issuance of \$17.5 million in revenue bonds for Greenbelt Homes at a special meeting on Wednesday, October 8 at 9 p.m. The proceeds from sale of the bonds would be utilized to finance a major portion of GHI's rehabilitation program. At last week's public hearing, held in the council chambers, no one, neither GHI members nor residents of other areas of the city, spoke against the use of revenue bonds to finance the project.

Phase I of the rehabilitation program now underway, is being financed with a \$6.4 million loan from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It provides for new insulation, plumbing and fixtures, windows, attic partitions and siding for the nearly 1000 frame units. Phases II, III and IV provide similar work to be done on the masonry homes, some further work on the frame homes, the conversion of all units from oil to individual electric heat and hot water, and the refinancing of outstanding rehabilitation loans.

Of the thirty persons attending the public hearing, only two signed up to speak. Leo Gerton wanted GHI to provide an estimate of

the monthly charges that members will have to pay as a result of the rehabilitation of their homes. GHI representatives present explained that this information had been presented to members prior to membership approval of the \$17.5 m. program at a special membership meeting held in May.

The other speaker was bond counsel William Scott, partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Ballard, Spahr, Andrews and Ingersoll. In reviewing the ordinance approving the bond issue and the resolution approving selection of the bond underwriters and bond counsel, Scott had noticed several minor changes which needed to be made. (As a result, council held a brief special meeting the following evening, September 23 to approve the two items as amended. The amending process was complicated by a precautionary requirement of a 15-day waiting period between the first and second reading of an ordinance involving a city bond issue. While the changes were not considered to be substantive, the city manager, city solicitor and bond counsel agreed that it would be unwise to suspend those rules. Thus the second reading of the bond ordinance will be taken up at a special council meeting October 8 at 9 p.m.)

Townhouse Exclusion

to sit with the audit committee for the remainder of the meeting.

Personnel Policy

Volk elected to answer the allegations of the audit committee's report item by item. To the request that when firing for other reasons than incompetence, the board be advised of such action, Volk agreed but reaffirmed the manager's powers of hiring and firing. The audit committee's contention that the board does not have a policy on termination of employment and should formulate one was countered by assistant manager Tim Mitter in the absence of general manager Ken Kopstein. Mitter stated that this aspect of personnel policy was left up to the manager. Audit committee member Katherine Keene objected to that policy as it had been used. If a position is being terminated, she said, there should have been discussion in the board meeting and employees should have been aware of the coming reduction in force. Nat Shinderman, chairman of the personnel committee remarked that there are certain principles of fairness and equity and some consideration should have been given to the employees—not 24-hour notice. Al Herling contended that when suspicion exists between management and employees it creates an unhealthy situation. He

Roy Colvin spoke to council on behalf of the GHI members living in the new townhouses built in 1970 in the northend. Those members, he said, in a meeting the previous evening, had decided they did not wish to be included in the revenue bond financing. While rehabilitation would be of "some benefit (to us)," he said, it would not be as much as for the original homes. What worries those members is the current plan to refinance the construction of the townhouses under the revenue bonds. This would mean loss of their current ability to obtain first mortgages on their homes, which would make the units more difficult to sell. Inclusion of the townhouses turns on the question of whether or not all GHI property is needed as collateral for the revenue bonds. If required as collateral, GHI will have no option. If not required, the GHI board may honor the request.

In response to a question from Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Colvin acknowledged that his group had not yet presented their concerns to the GHI Board. Both Weidenfeld and Councilman Charles Schwan noted that the decision was an internal matter which first should be taken up by the GHI Board.

"This issue just came to our attention," explained Ken Kopstein. See REVENUE BONDS, p. 5, c. 1

GHI Bd. Discusses Audit Committee Report, New Townhouse Concerns

by Barbara Likowski

The appointment of a new board member, a discussion of the audit committee report and the protest of a delegation from the new townhouses occupied so much of the time of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors at the September 25 board meeting that there was time left for only a few other things that needed attention. The meeting, which went over the 11:15 p.m. time limit set, had to be recessed until October 2.

Carl Conrad, from the audit committee, was unanimously elected to the board to replace director Bobbi McCarthy who had resigned as of September 15. President Donald Volk regretted having to accept McCarthy's resignation. She has been accepted at law school and finds that she can not continue to give GHI the time that is needed.

Conrad thanked the board for having confidence in him. He said that he had been very busy on the audit committee. Despite some comments that the committee had overstepped its mark and was trying to set policy by its report, he did not think this was so. However, Conrad would like to help set policy and accepted the position on the board. He elected

asked for "humane labor relations for our cooperative." The only way to remedy the situation, he said, is to restore them to their jobs. He also asked if management was planning to get rid of the whole maintenance department and "sell us" to outside contractors. To Volk's answer that the board hadn't made that decision yet, Herling added that man-

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WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Oct. 2, 8 p.m. GHI Meeting Recessed from Sept. 25, Hamilton Pl.
Sun., Oct. 5, 1-5 p.m. Leo Gerton's Fish Fry, Lake-Park
Mon., Oct. 6, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.
Tues., Oct. 7, 7 p.m. Springhill Lake PTA, SHL School
7 p.m. Center School PTA, Center School
7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Historical Society, Library
7:30 p.m. North End PTA Meeting, North End School
Wed., Oct. 8, 9 p.m. Special City Council Meeting on GHI Revenue Bonds Municipal Bldg.
Thurs., Oct. 9, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Sun., Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt School Committee meets regarding North End School, Municipal Building

Greenhorne-O'Mara Plan Office Building on Edmonston Road

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council on Monday, October 6 will consider a development plan for an office building slated to be the company headquarters of the engineering firm of Greenhorne and O'Mara. The 3-acre tract is located on Edmonston Road between the People's National Bank and the Nationwide Building. Zoned commercial-office, the land is owned by Alfred Stidham.

Greenhorne and O'Mara hope to purchase the land and construct the building if the firm is successful in obtaining \$6 million in loan guarantees from Maryland Industrial Financing Corporation (MIFDA) to finance 100% of the construction costs. In July the firm's request for a loan was turned down. However, according to the county's Department of Program Planning and Economic Development, the matter is being negotiated because Greenhorne and O'Malley indicated that without the loan it may have to relocate outside the county.

The function of MIFDA is to encourage industrial and commercial development projects, particularly those endorsed by local governments. This it does by guaranteeing repayment of loans made by private lenders in exchange for lower interest rates than otherwise would be obtained. If approved, this would be the first time that MIFDA has guaranteed 100 per cent of costs except for first-time projects of foreign companies.

Feeling that it was appropriate for the firm to remain within the county, the county council and

county executive have expressed to MIFDA their support for the construction project. On September 16, the county council endorsed the project.

On Monday when the city council deliberates on the development plan, it will first receive the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Board. The city's recommendation will then be passed on to the Urban Design Division of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. According to Sylvia Silverman of Urban Design, the city's recommendation will be studied and its concerns addressed "to see if they agree with our changes." If not, the matter will go before the Planning Board.

The proposed building containing 93,000 square feet, will be five stories high on the side facing Edmonston Road and six stories on the Kenilworth Avenue side. Previously 2.02 acres of the 3-acre tract were slated for condominium office townhouses. A preliminary subdivision plan was approved by MNCPPC on July 26, 1979. However, developer Breezewood Associates pulled out of the project.

Postal Service Studies Co-op Basement as Post Office Site

by Leta Mach

Another chapter has been added in the continuing saga of the Greenbelt Post Office as the Postal Service explores the possibility of using the Co-op Supermarket basement for a complete postal facility.

Last winter Greenbelt Co-operative, Inc. (Co-op) offered the space for the Greenbelt Post Office. In a meeting two weeks ago with Postal Service real estate officials, Phil Wilson and John Martin, City Manager James Giese was informed that the Postal Service was interested in the offer if acceptable leases could be negotiated for the basement and a parking compound. Fran Feldman from the Postal Service Regional Information Office confirmed that the Postal Service was in the process of negotiating these leases. Two leases are needed — one from Co-op for the building space and the other from the city for the parking compound.

In his manager's notes, Giese explains that "the standards for the parking compound are much lower than those previously set forth." Giese also felt that part of the lower parking lot could be fenced for postal vehicles "without interfering with other uses of the lot or the flow of traffic through it." The Postal Service is preparing several possible layouts of the parking compound for submission to the city.

Additionally the Postal Service is still looking at several other alternatives, none of which includes the "split facility" option. As previously proposed under this option, Postal Service operations would be conducted in two locations. In the center a full customer service facility would be in operation and elsewhere a carrier annex for handling mail and providing employee facilities. In the meeting with Giese, Wilson indicated that the split facility option

was discarded because of increased operating costs.

Feldman confirmed that the "split operation is too expensive." She felt the Postal Service had conducted studies on the issue.

Greenbelt Postmaster Emory Harman expressed his disappointment with the Co-op basement idea. He felt the facility would be darker have a lower ceiling and not much more space than the present facility. He also wondered about the ramifications of the proposal on the Labor Day Festival. The post office needs considerable space for employee parking, he explained. "I don't want to be down there," he said.

However he noted that he had seen plans for a completely remodeled facility in that basement. The space would come in part from a reduction in size of the bowling alley and archery range, which is acceptable to the operator. It has been suggested that an entrance for the facility could be made in the side of the building facing the lower parking lot.

Nevertheless, Harman felt the site had been considered and rejected twelve years ago. "I'd rather stay here," Harman said. He added that he really wanted the Crescent and Parkway site. Two years ago the sale of that site was approved by the membership of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. However, official and public concern have delayed if not cancelled, that sale.

At the Library

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Drop-In stories. Ages 3-5. 10:30 a.m. Activities, flannelboards and more.

Union Election at GHI

by Mary Lou Williamson

Twenty blue collar employees of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., will vote next Thursday, October 9, on whether to join the Teamsters. The election will be held in the employees' lunchroom at GHI.

The ballot asks the employees to answer "yes" or "no" to the question: "Do you wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by The Drivers, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local #639 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousesmen & Helpers of America?" A similar election held two years ago failed by one vote.

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) will conduct the election. A Notice of Election, posted on the wall in the administration building, spells out who is eligible to vote and who is not, the rights of employees and election rules. It also shows a sample ballot.

Those eligible to vote include craftsmen such as "carpenters, electricians, heating engineers, plumbers . . . (and others) employed (by GHI) during the bi-weekly payroll period ending August 28, 1980. Those not eligible include warehouse clerks, maintenance clerks, storekeepers . . ."

GHI has hired a labor relations consultant, Dan Thompson (Atlanta, \$500/day) to advise management and board on their role in the election process. "The Corporation has to be very cautious when acting," Tim Mitter, GHI's assistant manager told the News Review in an October 1 interview, "because it wants to adhere to all the regulations pertaining to the election."

GHI officials have been advised by Thompson that the four employees, whose positions were abolished on August 18 may still be permitted to vote. General Manager Ken Kopstein told the News Review on September 9 that GHI would contest the four votes. However, the NLRB will rule on whether those votes will be counted, if the election is close, Mitter said.

GHI is waiting to hear from the NLRB as to whether they find merit in several charges of unfair labor practices. Union organizer Bob Woodward filed the charges that the four employees were let go because of their union activities. The NLRB assigns an impartial investigator to determine whether there is merit to the charge. If merit is found, the NLRB will decide whether to issue a complaint, Mitter explained, which would then be adjudicated.

GHI management has employed attorney Robert Moore (Pittsburgh) to handle the unfair labor practices case. (\$75/hr.)

The GHI Board, in approving the hiring of both lawyer and consultant, has set a maximum of \$5,000 for expenses relating to the union election.

Challenges GHI Board's Irresponsible Use of Power

To the Editor:

I ask the attention of every GHI member, because the GHI Board of Directors is embarked on an irresponsible and wrong course of action in several areas. Some of the directors have not learned that the powers we've given them are limited and granted solely so that they may serve us. They are not our masters, and they do owe us care in what they decide.

I speak in this letter of two wrongful courses of action by the Board:

1) They have rushed imprudently to approve motions to permit the injection into the walls of members' homes, by contractors hired by individual members, of chemicals (urea formaldehyde foam insulation, including foaming and hardening chemicals) which are harmful to health and which can expose the corporation to legal liability and also to financial loss through the possible enforced vacancy of homes rendered uninhabitable by these chemicals.

2) They have rushed imprudently and anti-democratically to approve the firing of GHI employees under circumstances which can only be construed as unlawfully intimidating employees against unionization. These circumstances include a history—which they never have revealed to the membership—of spending thousands of dollars to buy the services of one or more union-busting firms over the past two or three years and of previous firings.

The present board as constituted since GHI's last election is not responsible for prior boards' wrong-doing, though some of the present board members are because they were on those boards, but by their votes in July to authorize the injection of urea formaldehyde foam insulation into GHI homes, after they were warned it was harmful, and by their recent refusal to stop the union-busting and reverse their foam insulation motion, they all stand responsible.

It especially is appalling that at the last GHI board meeting, I am

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told, one director had the gall to tell the Audit Committee that they are there as guests of the board. I also understand that the GHI bylaws clearly state the "Members of the Audit Committee shall have the right to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board . . . including executive sessions, and shall be furnished with copies of all minutes. They shall also be given access to all books and records . . ." (Article VII, Section 2)

As to the issue of unionization, I ask all members to consider why we all hailed the glorious fight of the Polish workers against their communist government and despite the possibility of Soviet action to suppress them. It is not merely because the workers were being anti-communist that we hail them. It is because they were fighting for basic human rights, basic democratic rights—and the first of all these rights they fought for was the right to have unions of their own choice.

But in GHI the board and general manager (the present ones and their predecessors) have decided that the GHI employees are not to have the right to have a union of their choice. I personally would not have chosen the particular union and the particular bargaining unit that some of the GHI employees seem to have wanted; I personally long ago would have tried to have an AFL-CIO union such as the Service Employees represent me and the other employees if I were a GHI employee, and I would have opted for a wall-to-wall scope of the bargaining unit (all the blue-collar and all the eligible clericals in one unit). But I am not a GHI employee, and neither are the board members.

For National Labor Relations Act purposes, we as the employers (including the manager as our agent) have no right to tell employees which union and which scope of bargaining unit they must choose. If only the blue-collar unit choose to organize a blue-collar unit, it is their right. And we have no right—it is unlawful—for any of us to fire, otherwise punish, threaten or otherwise try to interfere with employees'

rights (nor may we lawfully make promises to them if they will reject any union or unions). The firings have laid GHI open to unfair labor practice charges before the National Labor Relations Board (which I have been told have been filed). We now are in for what could be a lengthy legal fight to defend against those charges, with expensive fees to the union-busters plus expenses to pay. And if we lose (and we should; we were wrong) we'll have to offer job reinstatement plus back pay plus 6% interest.

But our board of directors has refused to undo the harm it has done. It is time for members to ask, can we afford a board so heedless of our interests?

Mat Amberg

Greenbelt School Comm. Looks at North End School

Parents of current North End Elementary students, of students of the recent past, of pre-school children, and especially parents who have chosen alternate schools for their children are encouraged to attend a meeting in the City Council Chambers on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is sponsored by the Greenbelt School Committee. Leslie Kreimer, Greenbelt's school board representative, as well as members of the City Council, are expected to be present.

All views will be heard and specific suggestions relating to all aspects of the North End school experience will be solicited.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council will hold a SPECIAL MEETING in the Council Room, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, on

Wednesday, October 8, 1980

at 9:00 P.M.

to consider for second reading and final passage An Ordinance to Authorize the Issuance by the City of Greenbelt of

\$17,500,000 REVENUE BONDS FOR FINANCING GHI REHABILITATION PROJECTS

The full title of the ordinance is as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF GREENBELT TO ISSUE ITS REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$17,500,000); SUCH BONDS TO BE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE FINANCING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF EXISTING RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES OWNED BY GREENBELT HOMES, INC. AND GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND OF PROVIDING REFINANCING OF THE OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF SAID CORPORATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS BY NEGOTIATED SALE TO UNDERWRITERS AND UPON SUCH INTEREST RATES, AMOUNT, DATE, MATURITIES, PAYMENT, PREPAYMENT AND/OR REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AS MAY BE DULY APPROVED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF ANY SUCH BONDS AND THE INTEREST THEREON SOLELY FROM PAYMENTS FROM THE REVENUES OF GREENBELT HOMES INC. AND GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOCUMENTS TO BE NEGOTIATED PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS, THE FORM OF WHICH DOCUMENTS SHALL BE DULY APPROVED BY A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PRIOR TO THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT BY RESOLUTION OF A TRUSTEE AND PAYING AGENT FOR THE BONDS AND OF BOND COUNSEL AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN THE STRUCTURING OR CARRYING OUT OF THE FINANCING.

Copies of the ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk and will be available at the meeting. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

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agement has said this.

To audit committee member Frank Gervasi's question of why seniority was not used for the firing, Mitter replied that seniority had been considered within departments. Shinderman questioned the elimination of people from the heating department with the heating season coming. Conrad said he did not contest the firing but the way it was done. Bill Feller recommended that the board refer this to the personnel committee to devise an equitable personnel policy. Feller also said that he felt there was a need for more cuts, including white collar workers. He saw nothing wrong with contracting out maintenance and thought it would be a "very good change."

At this point director Ed James requested that the report go on with no further interruptions. Because of the lengthy agenda, he felt that maybe the report should be considered no further. Volk answered that he had decided that it needed to be taken up item by item.

Keene, explaining the board's need to consider the report, informed James that the audit committee was equal to the board but had a different function. The audit committee, she said, represents the membership. If the committee feels irregularities are not faced by the board, the committee may call a special membership meeting. It does not need a petition to do so. James told Keene that she was a guest at the meeting. This drew an audible protest from members present. "No," Keene answered, "not a guest." She reiterated that the audit committee was equal to the board. While the board was elected to form policy, the audit committee was elected to represent the membership. Both have equal access to all records and are to be present at all meetings including those held in executive session.

To the audit committee's call to the board to rescind its motion to hire a "union buster," Volk remarked that he didn't like that term. "When we need competent advice, we must get it," he said. To which Conrad replied, "call it what you want, it's still union-busting." Conrad told the board that when the whole thing is finished the committee would like to know how much was paid, what was done? (talk to employees? NLRB?) Director Wayne Williams explained that a maximum fee of \$5000 had been allotted. James affirmed the need to hire a lawyer. We can't deal with employees without a go-between, he said. Herling pointed out that there were competent lawyers in this area. He and Charles Schwan wanted to know why the corporation had now hired a lawyer from Pittsburgh.

Volk agreed with the audit committee's request that GHI member employees be given preference if performance of their duties is equal to that of those living outside GHI. Gervasi asked, "Who runs this co-op? Don't we have the talent here?" James replied that use of the talent was made in committees, agreeing that there was still a lot of talent to be tapped.

Volk informed the audit committee that the reason non-union labor was being used in the rehabilitation program was that no union contractors had bid. The number of foremen in the maintenance department will not be discussed until the manager's return.

Speaking for the board Volk did not feel that too many high salaried consultants had been hired. He felt the board had been

conservative in its hiring of consultants.

Some trucks will be sold, Volk assured the committee, but said the ratio of 14 men to 23 trucks was not correct as there were about 20 men using the vehicles.

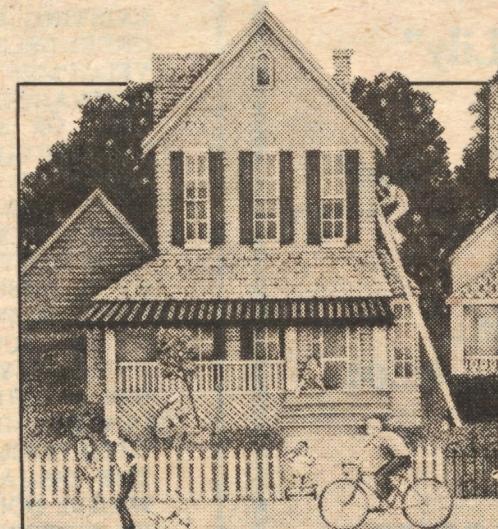
Volk read a letter from Sue Lance, the board's secretary at meetings who disputed the audit committee's contention that minutes could be transmitted faster. Both she and board secretary Margaret Hogensen outlined the difficulty involved in getting copies of the minutes to board members more quickly as the audit committee had asked.

Townhouse Question

Tony McCarthy represented a delegation from the new townhouses who came to ask that the board reconsider a motion made at the September 18 special meeting. The motion had been to include rehabilitation of the townhouses in the proposed revenue bond financing. McCarthy believes that this may not be in the best interests of GHI or the new townhouse owners. It would be at most a short-term saving of money. The current residents of the townhouses would not be adversely affected but future GHI members who may want to buy the larger homes might find it impossible to purchase.

Some people have paid off their loans, he said, and it bothers them to have a 20-year mortgage, however small, which cannot be prepaid. GHI would have a problem refinancing the townhouses in 10 years in order to buy them back to resell them. McCarthy asked the board to ask bond counsel if the townhouses can be excluded from the collateral for the revenue bond issue. Even if the interest rate is higher for their rehabilitation, the new townhouse owners would prefer that, he said. Williams said that he had been told that there would not be a bond issue if the new townhouses were not included. Feller thought they should be under the bond issue. One townhouse owner present did not agree with McCarthy. He thought they should have the same interest rate as the rest of GHI. However, he did ask that GHI notify them in the future when townhouse issues were to be discussed.

Director Steve Curtis proposed to put the new townhouses on nearly the same mutual ownership contract as the rest of GHI. He offered the board modifications that he felt would do this.



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Evelyn Feller protested that this idea had been voted down at the membership meeting.

Miscellaneous

The board voted to give the comptroller authorization to borrow \$350,000 to pay real estate taxes on September 30. Three short-term loans would be repaid as the money becomes available.

A member requested that GHI help her row to convert to electric heat by offering to prepay the amount for a member who is planning to sell and charging the buyer. A motion to this effect, made by Curtis, was approved.

Management had asked the board for policy regarding rehabilitation of additions. A motion by Curtis to include additions under rehabilitation with the cost borne by the owner and paid back over 20 years was seen to have unanswered questions concerning the need for immediate payment of loans not under the rehabilitation program. A motion by director Joe Jenkins to table this matter passed. Jenkins asked management to do some research about ways to finance these and bring them back to the continuation of this meeting or the next meeting.

Bettie Denson had prepared some questions for the board. She wanted to know if there was any guarantee that rehabilitation bond money in trust (escrow) could be withdrawn for any other thing. The trustee will decide this; however, there are federal and state restrictions on this. She was told any money left as well as money gained by selling scrap materials would go to reduce indebtedness. To her question whether Kopstein is putting in more time for the national cooperatives that he is for GHI, Volk replied no. Kopstein is in California taking a course in real estate management. Then he will attend the meeting of the national cooperative association.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The Boys' and Girls' Club football schedule for Oct. 4 is as follows: the 75 lb. team vs. Langley Park at Adelphi Manor at 9:30 a.m., the 85 lb. vs. Langley Park at Adelphi Manor at 12 noon; the 95 lb. vs. Beltsville at Beltsville Rec. at 12 noon, the 105 lb. vs. Langley Park at Adelphi Manor at 10:45 a.m., and the 115 lb. vs. District Hgts. at District Hgts. at 9:30 a.m. Also, the 95 lb. vs. Hyattsville at Magruder Park at 8 p.m. on Oct. 8.

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Police Blotter

PFC Chuck Watkins of the Crime Prevention Team held a seminar on public apathy at the Springhill Lake Community Center.

PFC Thomas Miskell recovered a 1971 BMW motorcycle reported stolen from the Four Court of Gardenway.

After receiving a complaint of a nude male standing inside his apartment patio door, PFC Marr Sappington charged a Springhill Lake resident with indecent exposure.

An Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School student was assaulted and robbed while walking along Hanover Parkway.

A residence on Laurel Hill Road was broken into, keys to a vehicle removed, and the car stolen. Cpl. Kenneth Stair charged a local juvenile with breaking and entering, and unauthorized use of a vehicle. The same juvenile was later charged by PFC Chuck Watkins with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle when apprehended operating a 1973 Ford reported stolen from Lakecrest Drive.

A black 1976 Olds Cutlass, Maryland tags DKM-621, was reported stolen from the 7500 block of Mandan Road.

Our Neighbors

Our deepest sympathy to Esther Wills, Green Ridge House resident, who lost her son on September 21.

Marine Pvt. Timothy J. Spesick, son of Jordan T. Spesick of 145 Westway Road, has reported for duty at Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Philippines.

Ruth and Carl Bond, Greenhill Rd., have a new grandson. Jacob Taylor Hurd was born Monday, September 29 weighing 7 lbs., 4 oz. He has a brother Aaron. Parents are Karen and Sam Hurd of 375 North, 400 East, American Fork, Utah 84003.

Bethune's Best

by Margaret Williamson

The reading department at Mary Bethune Junior High School is sponsoring a magazine and book drive. Each Friday at school one class period is set aside for independent reading. We would appreciate any contributions of reading materials for this program; give them to any Bethune student you know or call me at 441-2662.

Five male nonresidents were charged with gaming violations by Pvt. Ralph Cancelose when they were found shooting dice next to 11 Parkway Road.



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3 br. masonry in excellent cond., ra/refg/washer & dryer; newly redecorated; good pkg. - \$38,145.

2 br. brick, neat & beautiful cond., new kitchen & bath; ra/refg/washer/dryer/ac & carpeting included - \$45,500

2 br. masonry with encl. porch/lg. fenced yd., new kitchen & bath; wall/wall carpeting - appl. included - \$42,000 or best offer.

2 br. frame with two-story addition; extra-nice throughout; appl., good loc., \$29,500.

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stein, GHI's general manager, and is now under study by the bond counsel. If it can be done, he speculated, the board would likely agree. Councilman Tom White and others were concerned as to whether such a study at this time would cause any delay. GHI member Marie Castaldi, speaking, she said, as a member-owner of a brick home, took exception to the size of the project. "The majority (of the brick homes) are in very good condition. I am dismayed at the degree of rehabilitation . . . the unnecessary added expenditures." Weidenfeld reminded her that "council is not making those decisions."

Questions

Concerned, perhaps, by the lack of public testimony either for or against the proposed bond issue, councilman Richard Pilski then asked whether there was in the audience "anyone who feels there may be a cloud coming over this bond issue?" While there were two or three "yeses" scattered which followed indicated only a around the room the questions need for more information from the bond counsel.

"What happens if the bonds are not all bought by the underwriter?" asked Nick Pergola. Scott explained that the purchase by the underwriters was not a "best effort" but rather an "all or nothing" contract. When the underwriters sign the contract with GHI and the city, they will be obligated to buy all the bonds. They will test the market first to determine the interest rate. What that means, he said, is that they will talk with potential buyers to find out the lowest interest rate at which they can feel sure that all the bonds can be resold to clients.

"What happens if GHI defaults on repaying the bonds?" A debt service reserve fund equal to one year's payments of principal and interest, said Scott, will be set aside after the bonds are purchased. Thus the trustee, whose job it will be to pay off the bond holders, would have a year in which to work out any financial problems before having to take the more drastic step of acquiring the property.

"How is the money going to be paid? How are we going to determine that the money goes for the purpose for which it is intended?" asked Bettie Denson. The underwriter will write a lump sum check to the City of Greenbelt, who in turn will endorse it over to a bank which will hold the funds.

Who's going to guarantee that money?" Denson queried further. Most of the money will be placed in a construction fund, Scott explained. Bills must be properly requisitioned by GHI for work completed and approved by the project architect before they will be paid by the bank. Members and staff, he continued, would not have access to the funds. He further explained that the unused funds would be "very securely invested" in such instruments as treasury notes, secured certificates of deposit, GNMA mortgages etc. "The only one more worried than you as a GHI member," said Scott, "is the bond holder."

Responding to a query of Schwan, Dennis Piendak, assistant city manager, reported that bond underwriters and underwriters' counsel whom he had consulted saw in the current labor dispute involving GHI no impact on the interest rate of the proposed revenue bond issue nor any adverse effect on future general obligation issues of the city.

Voter Registration

Deadline Near

October 6 is the last day to register for the November elections. Call 952-3270 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. for information on registering. The Board of Election Supervisors is located at 14744 Main St. in Upper Marlboro.

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American Legion Auxiliary Junior Group Installed

Greenbelt Unit No. 136, American Legion Auxiliary Junior Group, held its installation of officers on Monday, August 18 in the Greenbelt Post Home. Newly installed officers are: Cindy Beeg, President; Adela Avitia, Vice President; Tina Fisher, Secretary; Gail Connelly, Chaplain; Kathy Hall, Historian and Karen Bailey, Sgt-at-Arms. Also elected were Senior Miss Poppy, Tina Fisher, and Junior Miss Poppy, Tina Snuffer.

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The two buses leaving for Frederick, Md., with lunch at the Dandee Restaurant Friday, October 17, still have some space available. Call soon.

The St. Mary's County tour, September 27, was such a delightful trip. The weather was ideal, the historic sites so very interesting, especially for those not too familiar with the early history of Maryland. The food was excellent, and all told made for a happy day!

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C & P Work

C & P is working with Greenbelt Homes Development Corporation to "hide" wires that run along baseboards and door/window frames. To do this work, workmen will need to enter the frame homes. Members will receive a notice before the workers arrive.

Electricians

Electricians are now installing

LEGION AUXILIARY HOLDS PLANT SALE

Greenbelt Unit #136, American Legion Auxiliary, will hold a plant sale on Saturday, Oct. 4, beginning at 9 a.m. in front of Tanners Cleaners. Potted plants and creative dish gardens will be featured. Proceeds will benefit the Greenbelt community.

properly grounded, three-prong outlets. They will need access also, and members will receive notice of their arrival.

Attics

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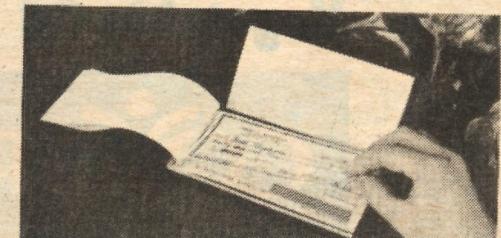
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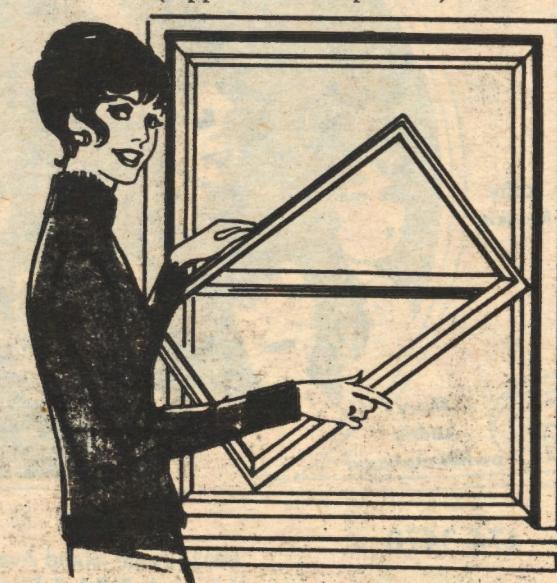
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New Citizens Party

A meeting of the new Citizens Party will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. at 14-K Ridge Road. For information, phone 474-1998.

CITY NOTES

The parks crew removed a diseased American elm tree near the Center underpass. Metal stakes around trees at the Center were removed. The chipper was out clearing up roadsides.

Maintenance was done on the Springhill Lake golf course and on all the ballfields. Restraining lines were installed on Braden Field. Grass seed was planted at the playground in Greenbriar and at the Lake Park. Fill dirt, hauled to Braden Field #3 and Greenbelt Jr. High School field, was used to raise the fields. The entrance road, parking area at the City Park and base on Lakeside Drive were repaired.

Week of Sept. 15

Bad sections of roadway on Crescent Road are repaired.

The small soccer field at North End School was prepared. Fill dirt was placed in the Greenbriar playground to control the drainage problem. The chipper was out for two days and debris in roadsides were picked up.

The Greenbelt Trail marker, which was damaged several months ago, was repaired and installed at the Center.

George Smith attended the International Public Works Congress and Equipment Show in Kansas City, Missouri recently.

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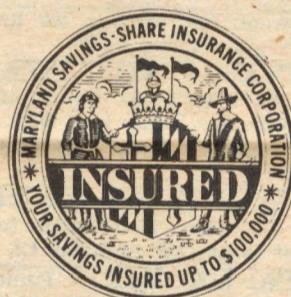
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